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1. The Yugoslav Government has forwarded to the Egyptian Government an official note which named five Yugoslav citizens residing at present in Egypt who are wanted in Yugoslavia on war crime charges. Four of these men were officers in the ex-Royal Yugoslav Army. The fifth is a judge called Christo Mandic. All five men are at present held at the twin al-Shatt camps near Suez. One camp is for civilians, where 27,000 refugees crowded at one time; the other is for ex-Royal Yugoslav Army men, many of whom refuse to go back to Yugoslavia, fearing reprisals.
 2. When asked for more detailed information on the charges against the accused, the Yugoslav Government specified that all five were wanted to stand trial for acts of high treason committed against the National Government of Liberation of Tito. The Yugoslav note pointed out that the signatories of the San Francisco pact had agreed to return war criminals to their native countries to stand trial for their crimes.
 3. This matter was submitted to the newly created Egyptian Council of State for consideration. A Council representative reports that no decision had been taken in the case, because of complications. It was explained that these Yugoslavs are listed as Allied personnel attached to British headquarters and come under the jurisdiction of the British Army. As such, the British authorities can transfer these men out of Egypt, without the knowledge of the Egyptian Government.

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